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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Khaw *et al.*

Application No.: 09/727,421

Group Art Unit: 1641

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Examiner: L. Cook

For: IMMUNOASSAY TECHNIQUE USING
MULTISPECIFIC MOLECULES

Attorney Docket No.: 9449-016-999

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 10.40

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On behalf of the following attorneys in the law firm of Pennie & Edmonds, LLP ("Attorneys"), all being attorneys of record in the above-identified application, the undersigned respectfully requests permission for himself and the named attorneys to withdraw from all further responsibility in the above-identified application and all related matters in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 10.40:

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The undersigned is authorized to signed this request for withdrawal on behalf of himself and the above-named attorneys.

The reason for withdrawal is that Pennie & Edmonds, LLP's client Biospecific, a company founded by Dr. Ben-An Khaw, one of the co-inventors of this application, is in the process of dissolving its business. Accordingly, communications with the inventors and/or Biospecific regarding this application, as well as receiving payment for legal services rendered to them, became extremely difficult.

An Office Action, mailed June 3, 2003, is pending in this application, and thus the six months due date for a response is December 3, 2003, with a three-months extension. A copy of the Office Action was forwarded to Dr. Ben-An Khaw, as well as to Dr. John Zabriskie, CEO of Biospecific (see Exhibit 1). As there was no returned mail, the copy was presumably received by both persons. As indicated in Exhibit 1, Attorneys requested instructions from Dr. Khaw as to how to proceed with this application, but has been unable to obtain the instructions. Attempts to reach Biospecific resulted in Attorneys' discovery that the business is dissolving and no further payments for legal services rendered will be forthcoming. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that Attorneys be allowed to withdraw from representing the applicants in this application. To preserve Applicants' rights, a Request for Continued Examination is concurrently filed herewith.

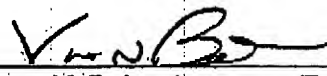
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including the attachment, is being mailed to Dr. Khaw and Dr. Zabriskie. A copy of the letter accompanying the same, addressed to Dr. Khaw, is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

This Request for Withdrawal is enclosed in triplicate.

No fee is believed to be due for this request. If any fees are required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 3, 2003


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